

**CLARK COUNTY  
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION  
Meeting Summary**  
Wednesday, May 4, 2005  
6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Clark County Public Service Center  
Conference Room # 628

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Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Tim Crawford, Anne Jackson, Bill Owen, Susan Rasmussen, Art Stubbs, Virginia Van Breemen

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

None

Clark County Public Works Staff

Cary Armstrong, Jim Soli

Public

Thom McConathy

**Call To Order**

***Introduction***

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, the public, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was called to order..

***Agenda and material review***

The material for the meeting includes:

1. May 4, 2005 Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda
2. Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes from March 2, 2005 and April 6, 2005 meetings.
3. Clark County Clean Water Program Staff Modifications
4. Letter from Clark County Clean Water Commission to Clark County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding the potential Cowlitz Indian Tribe (Tribe) Casino.
5. Answer sheet to the questions raised at the April 6, 2005 Clean Water Commission Meeting.
6. Clean Water Program (Fund 4420): Annual Expenditure Patterns and Related Investment Balance Growth with graphs.
7. 2005-06 Clean Water Program Budget as of March 31, 2005.

Minutes for the March 2, 2005 and April 6, 2005 Meetings were approved.

### *Packet Reviewed*

Cary Armstrong reviewed, with the Clean Water Commissioners, the materials contained in their packet. Mr. Armstrong talked about the two new staff members hired recently, Jason Wolf in the monitoring group and Henry Schattenkerk in the engineering group. Mr. Armstrong also went through the answers provided by the Water Resources staff in response to questions that arose at the April 6 Clean Water Commission meeting.

Mr. Armstrong informed the Clean Water Commission of Water Resources intent to bill the railroads a Clean Water Fee in 2005. Neither the Clark County Railroad nor the other railroads in the county have received a Clean Water Fee in the past. Mike Szwaya calculated the railroad's fees based on the impervious surface of a sample of track and ties.

Art Stubbs explained the letter he and Bill Owens wrote from the Clean Water Commission to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the potential Cowlitz Indian Tribe Casino in LaCenter. The concern is, if the casino is built, making sure that all potential stormwater runoff impacts are minimized and that the tribe pays their full Clean Water Fee. Mr. Stubbs said he sat down with Earl Rowell and reviewed the MOU the BOCC had with the Tribe which showed these concerns were already addressed. Mr. Stubbs reiterated that this letter does keep the dialogue open between the Clean Water Commission and BOCC on the stormwater issues of the potential casino.

### *Public Comments*

Thom. McConathy began by recommending Clark County staff take a harder look at BMP's for the railroads. Mr. McConathy also asked for the railroad fee structure which Mr. Armstrong did not have available but will have at the next meeting.

Mr. McConathy then spoke of the TMDL's currently being undertaken by Ecology; specifically on the East Fork Lewis River and Salmon Creek. He suggested maybe that Clark County should take over the TMDL work on all Clark County's impaired streams. Mr. McConathy feels Clark County should prioritize all the streams in Clark County and begin TMDL studies according to this prioritization.

Mr. McConathy concluded by recommending Water Resources staff hold more public forums or a speakers bureau to bring in regional or nationally known experts to educate adults on water quality issues. He feels these kinds of forums would be very effective in getting the message to the public.

### *2004 Clean Water Commission Annual Report to the BOCC*

The Draft Annual Report was handed out at the meeting and will be reviewed at the June meeting.

### *Low Impact Development*

Mr. Armstrong updated the Clean Water Commission on the fact that the 2005 Western Washington Stormwater Manual includes recommendations for Low Impact Development standards as an option for stormwater treatment. Mr. Armstrong confirmed that Clark County staff has had several meetings already on Low Impact Development.

Mr. Stubbs met with a Clark County builder and reported that this builder and others are very receptive to Low Impact Development.

### *Budget*

Clean Water Commissioners had lots of questions on the budget. Unfortunately, many of the questions may have been answered by the itemized 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget the Clean Water Commissioners just received right before the meeting. Specifically, Mr. Agard had questions on what the Clean Water Program pays for the Watershed Stewards and Small Acreage Programs. Mr. Agard asked what the cost for the total of these programs is and how much is paid for by the Clean Water Program. Mr. Armstrong will have those figures at the June Meeting.

It was suggested that since the Clean Water Commission just received the itemized 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget and expenditures that further discussions of the budget will be held at the June meeting which will give the Clean Water Commission enough time to fully analyze these budget documents.

### *Other Items*

The Clean Water Commission voted to have Water Resources staff mail out the monthly meeting packet at least one week before the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Clean Water Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at the Clark County Public Works Operations Center Conference Room on NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cary Armstrong